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Subject: RE: U.S. Steel Hexavalent Chrome Release, Portage, IN
Date: Thursday, April 13, 2017 12:08:11 PM
Attachments: [image002.jpg](#)

Update as of: 4/13/17 at 12:00 CST

Overview: Stakeholders convened for a morning meeting to discuss the ongoing response at US Steel regarding the release of hexavalent chrome. Stakeholders present included USEPA, US Steel, IDEM, National Park Service and Indiana American Water, Portage Police and a representatives for the beaches of City of Portage. Sampling continued for a third day on 4/13/17.

- Sampling Data
 - Data has been coming in from earlier sampling events.
 - Quality control is being performed on the data and it will be shared with relevant stakeholders as soon as it has gone through QA/QC.
- Current Sampling
 - A larger boat was secured for sampling today and all non-wading water samples will be taken from this one boat.
 - Shoreline and wading level sediment and water samples will be completed

EPA, State, Local, and other Federal Agency Action:

- Indiana American Water
 - Indiana American Water will continue to have their water intake closed and has indicated that it will not be reopened until at least Monday. They have requested sampling to continue and are looking for three consecutive days of non-detect.
- National Park Service
 - National Park Service will continue to have their beaches closed until sampling data can show that no contamination is present. Sampling at their beaches continues.

NEWS Coverage:

<http://www.abc57.com/clip/13245309/epa-responds-to-chemical-spill-that-close-parts-of-lake-michigan>



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